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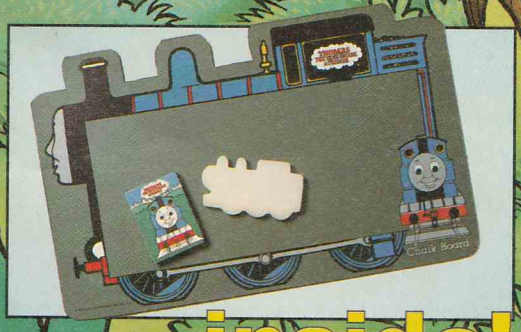

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Peep! Peep! There's so much to read and do in this issue of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends that you'll be amazed! Read about Daisy's noisy day out in our first story, 'The football train!' Then, complete your own football scene with your 'Cut and stick!' puzzle! After that, you can find out how different flags are used on the Island of Sodor! Thomas meets a barn owl who nearly loses its home in our mysterious story entitled 'The flying ghost!', and Bulgy the double-decker bus has some feathered friends come to stay in, 'Visitors for Bulgy!' Can you guess who they will be? Peep! Peep!

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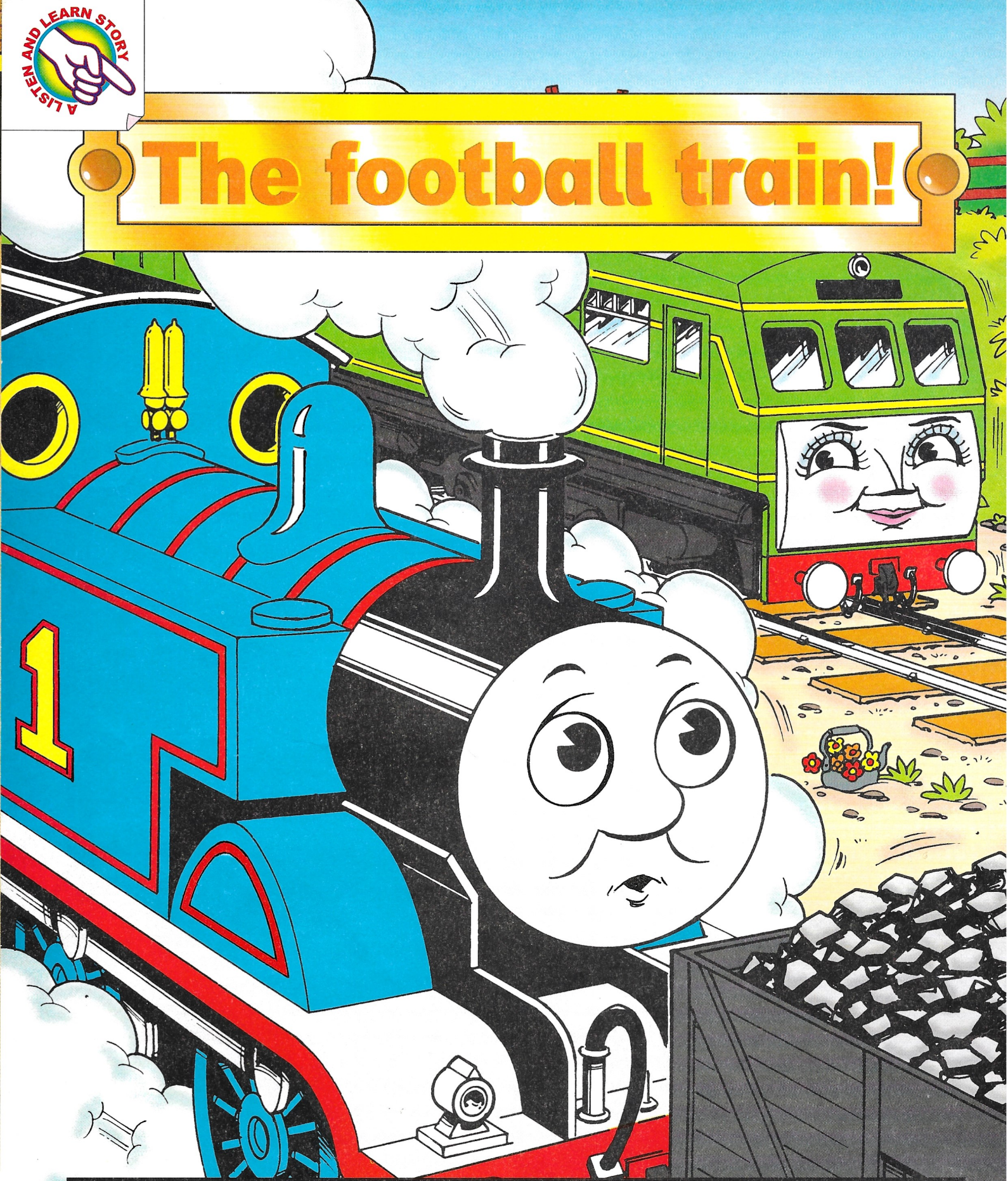
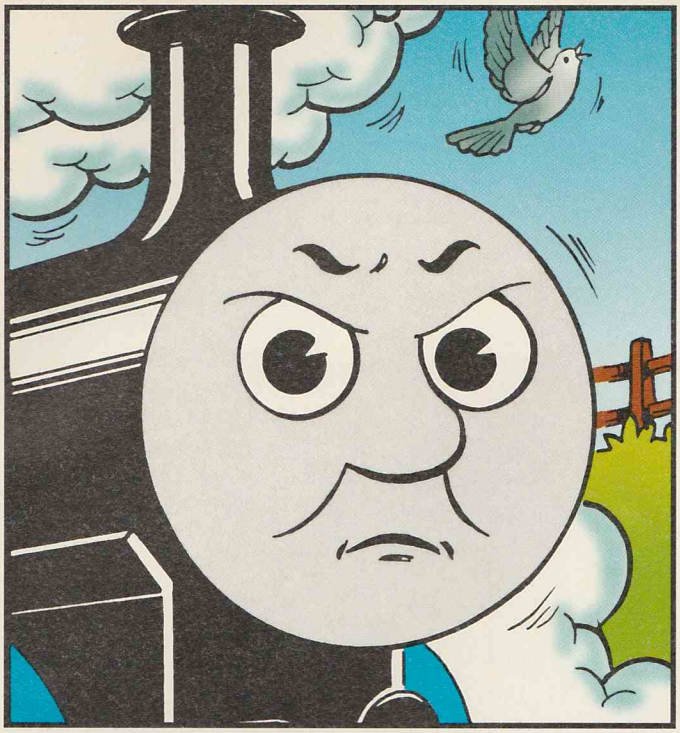
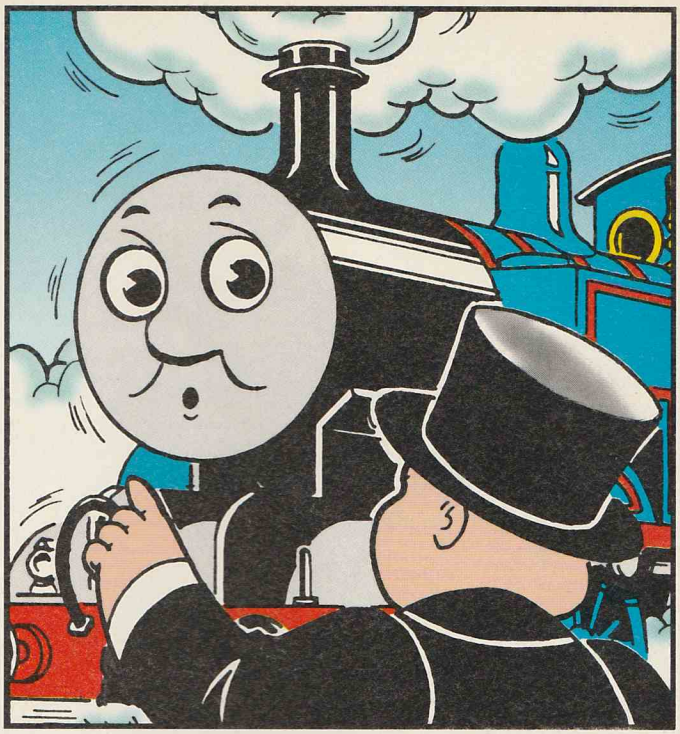


1. "A thoroughly modern diesel railcar, like me, is perfect to pull passengers!" Daisy boasted to Thomas, one morning in the busy Main Station yard.

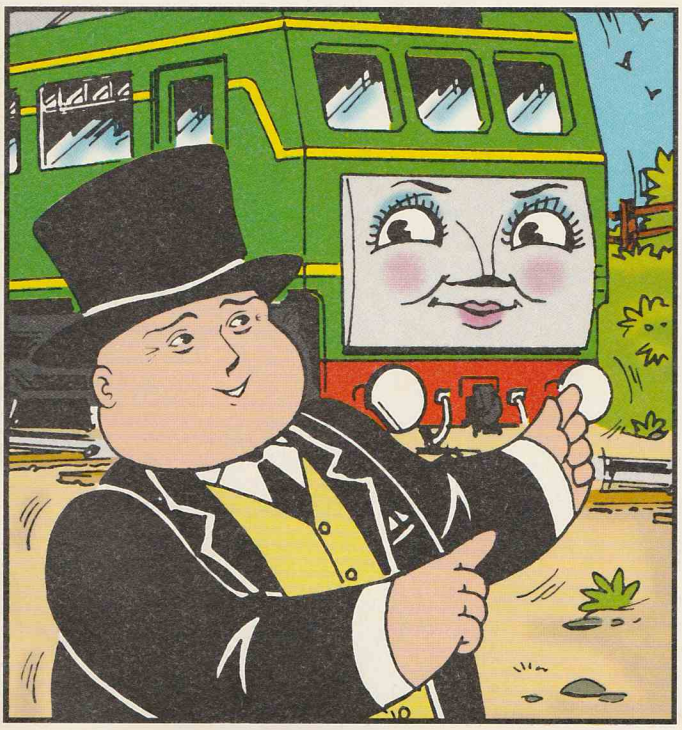
2. Thomas was shunting coal trucks. "I'm too clean to pull trucks!" sniffed Daisy. "But smoky, old-fashioned steam engines are always dirty!"



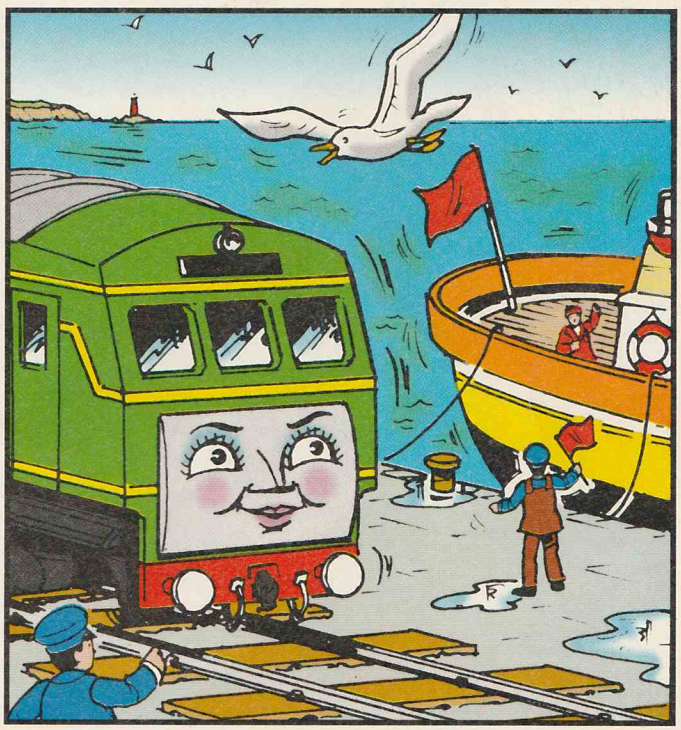
3. Thomas was cross. Later, there was to be a football game at Wellsworth. Each football team and all their supporters were to be special visitors from the mainland.



4. "Wellsworth is on my branch line! I'll take all the visitors to the station there!" Thomas told Daisy. "You will be too busy moving heavy trucks, Thomas," said the Fat Controller.



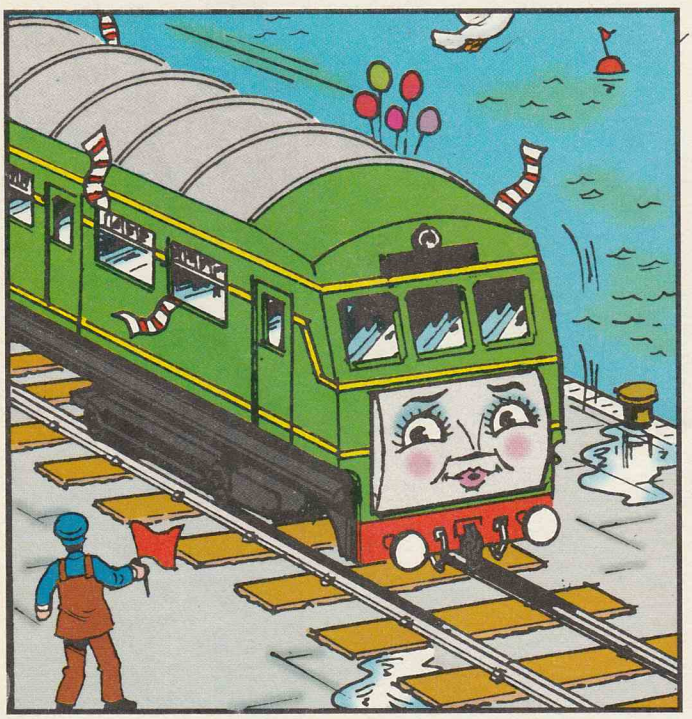
5. "Daisy will go instead!" he added. "You see?" smiled Daisy. "The Fat Controller chose me because I'm so smart and modern!" "It's not fair!" huffed Thomas.

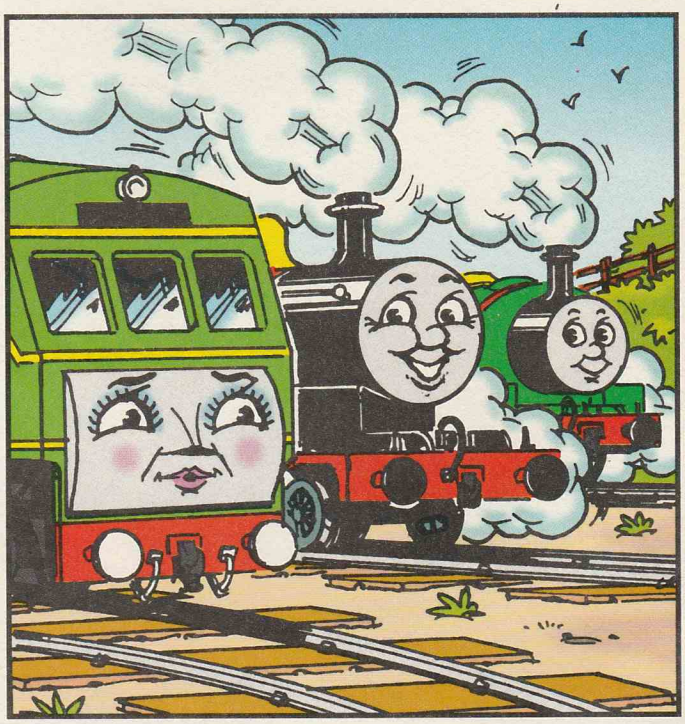


6. Thomas watched sulkily as Daisy rolled smoothly out of the yard. When she arrived at the port of Tidmouth to meet the ferry, it was just docking at the harbour.

7. Then the football team and all its supporters got off and walked over to the station, where Daisy stood waiting. She had never heard such a crowd of noisy people!

8. The supporters waved long, stripy red scarves and brightly coloured flags. They clapped and whirled noisy rattles, too. Daisy was very surprised indeed.



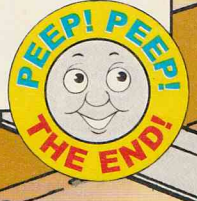


9. She was even more alarmed when some of the supporters tied scarves and balloons around her windows. All the way to the football park her passengers sang songs.

10. To make matters worse, Daisy met Percy and James at a nearby junction. "Going to a party?" they teased when they saw how Daisy had been dressed up with scarves.

11. Daisy was very relieved to reach Wellsworth Station. But Thomas had arrived too. He was delivering his heavy trucks just on time. "I heard you coming!" he smiled. Daisy felt hot and bothered as all her passengers climbed out. Scarves and rattles were everywhere. "You look rattled, Daisy!" joked Thomas.

12. "Please take my passengers back to the ferry after the football game, Thomas!" Daisy replied. "I've got a headache!" Daisy felt better as she shunted Thomas's trucks, so he could pull the football train. "Trucks may be dirty but they're much more peaceful!" smiled Daisy. "I prefer the quiet life!"



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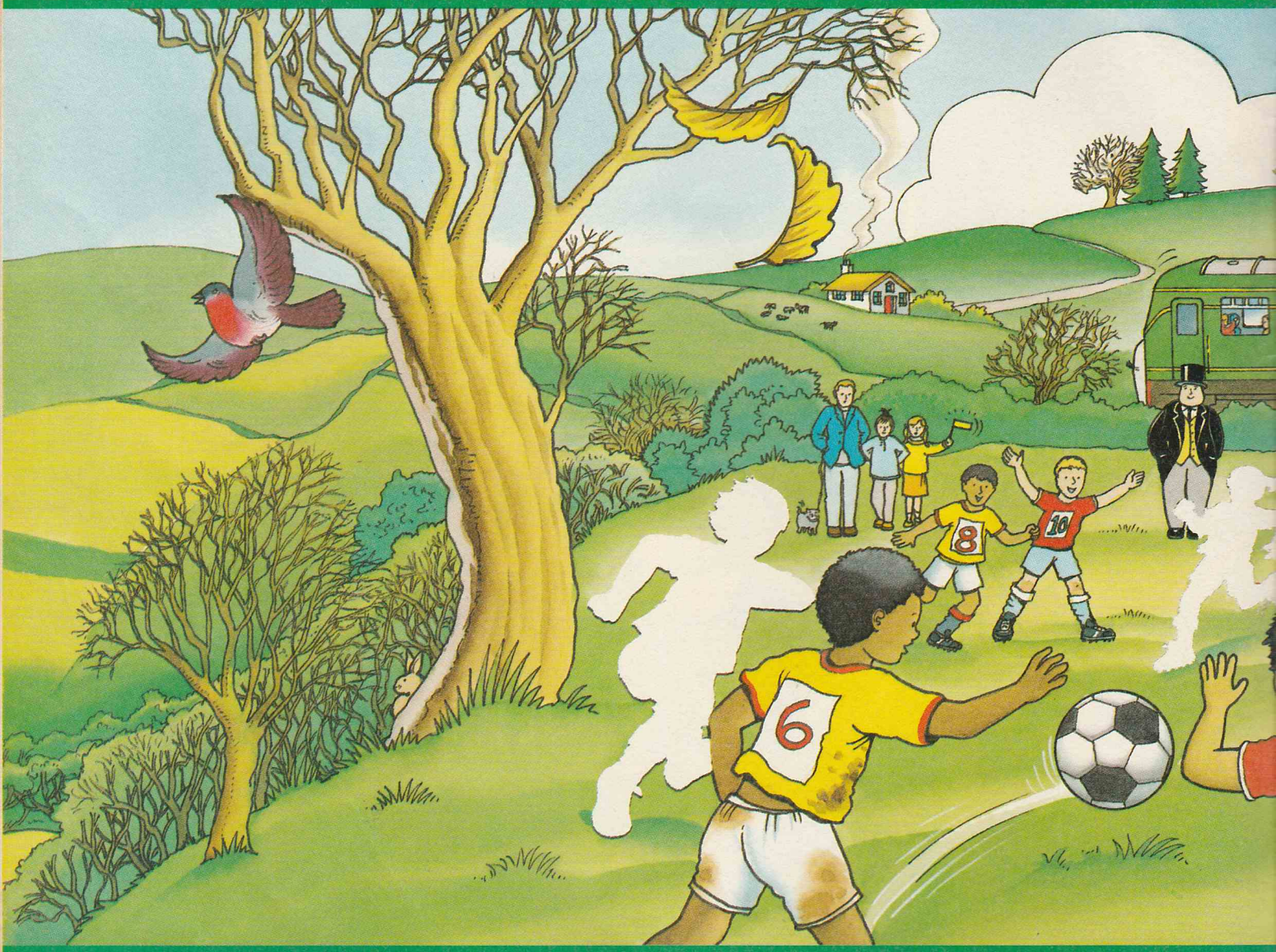

What can you see?

Point to the football!

How many players are wearing yellow shirts?

How many people are watching the football game?

Can you see a flag? What colour is it?

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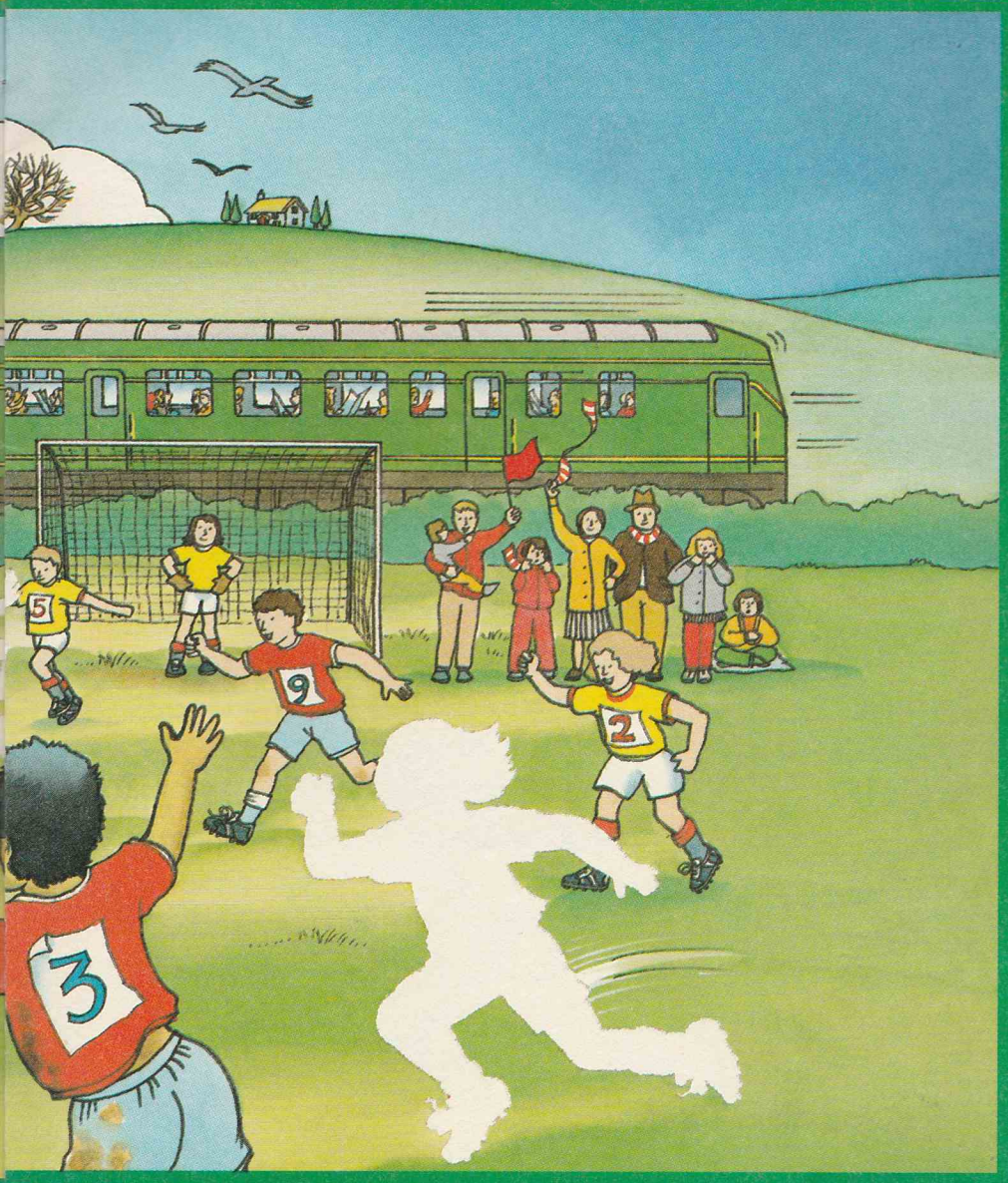
While Daisy waits for the football game to finish, you can complete the football picture. Ask a grown-up to cut out the three football figures below, then stick them back onto their correct positions on the football picture.



What's the ball game?

Write down the names of some other well known ball games. You can find the answers at the bottom of the page!

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Answers: Cricket, Golf, Tennis, Rugby.

YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win a splendid Thomas push and pull motorised engine!

SLEEPY ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
Where do Trevor the Traction Engine and Terence the Tractor sleep on the Island of Sodor?
Love from **Sanford Diehl**, aged 3.
Trevor sleeps in a big barn in the Vicarage orchard and Terence the Tractor rests inside Farmer Johnson's shed, after a hard day's work!

DEVIOUS DIESEL!

Dear Fat Controller,
Is Diesel always naughty and does he ever annoy the other engines?
Love from **Alexander Fairdough**, aged 4.
I'm afraid Diesel is always naughty! The other engines call him 'Devious Diesel' because he loves making trouble for them! Diesel often annoys the other engines by trying to be better than them, but he soon stops behaving badly when he is about to be found out!

PERCY POINTERS!

Dear Fat Controller,
Could you please tell me more about Percy and his work!
Love from **Stephen McNeil.**
Percy is the youngest engine on my railway! He began his working life at Tidmouth Station. He then moved to Knapford to help me with the building of the Big Harbour! Ever since then, he has been in charge of freight traffic on the Ffarquhar Branch line!

PHOTO STOP!

If you have had your photograph taken beside Thomas or any of his friends, we would like to hear from you! Stephen and Bridget will be featuring your best photos in their new **'Photo of the Fortnight!'**

BIRTHDAYS!

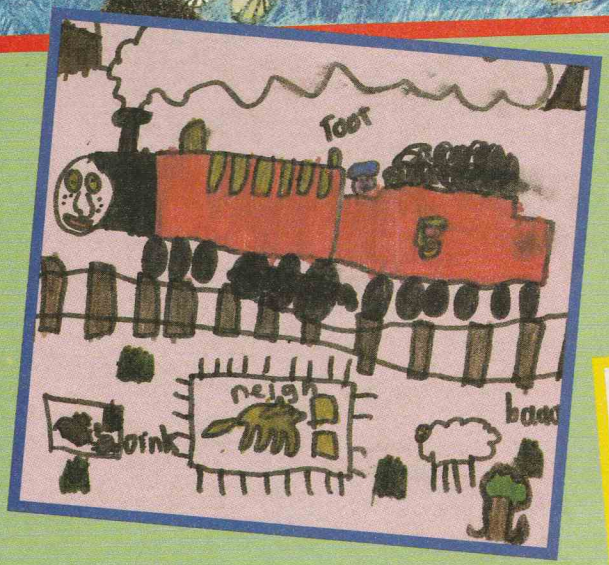
Happy birthday to

Nicholas James Mason, Nikeel Boyd Shah, Richard Lancaster, Christopher Southcott, Georgina Robinson, Martin Loschiavo, Ian Sherman, Charlie Krost and twin brohers, Christopher and Richard Stanton.

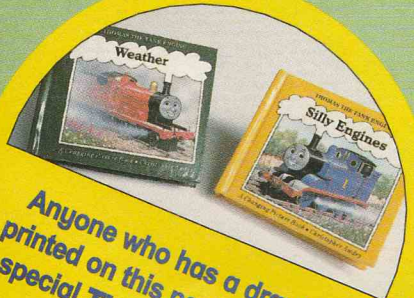
Drawing Board!

Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!

What a splendid picture of Percy! This was drawn by Vasili Pablo Penny, aged 8, who lives in Germany! Well done!



There's lots for James to see in this picture! A sheep, a horse and a pig! Thanks to Gary Philip, aged 7!



Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special Thomas Changing Picture Book

Thomas is off on another exciting trip! This fine drawing was sent by Mary Cleaton, aged 6!

Please send your drawings and paintings to: *The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London WC2R 3DX.*

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Which engine can you see?
What colour is he?
How many flowers can you count?
What is the boy holding?

Point to the butterfly!
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can you see?
the picture begin

This centrespread should be cut out as it forms part of a continuous scene for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom.

Island flags!

Flags are very important on the Island of Sodor Railway! The Fat Controller's engines need to know when to go and when to stop. Read more about different flags below!

G Station guards use flags to give instructions to the engines. They wave a green flag to tell the engines to go on ahead!

L This flag tells Harold to land!

S Red is a warning colour and means danger! If the guard waves a red flag, this tells the engines to stop and wait!

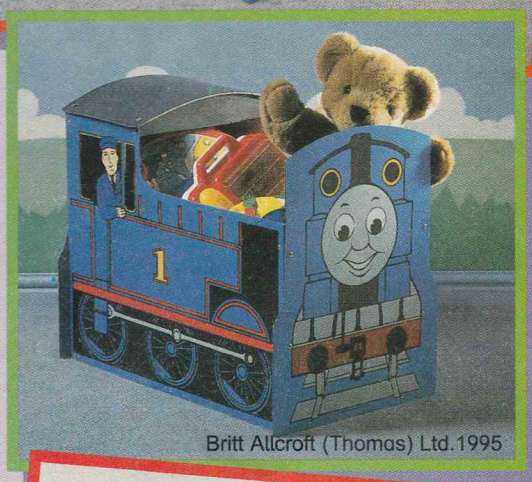
D Flags that are on beaches also give instructions! If this red flag is flying, it is too dangerous to go swimming!

Win! a fantastic desk, toybox & chalkboard!

In this issue of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, we have some super competition prizes to give away!

5 first prize winners receive a Thomas desk! Each desk has lots of space for you to keep your pens, paper and crayons and with an easy to lean on surface, it is easy for you draw all those smart pictures of Thomas and his friends.

5 second prize winners also receive a fabulous toybox! The Thomas the Tank Engine shaped toybox is made for you to put all of your toys in! You don't have to worry about leaving your toys on the floor, because Thomas and his driver will take care of them for you!



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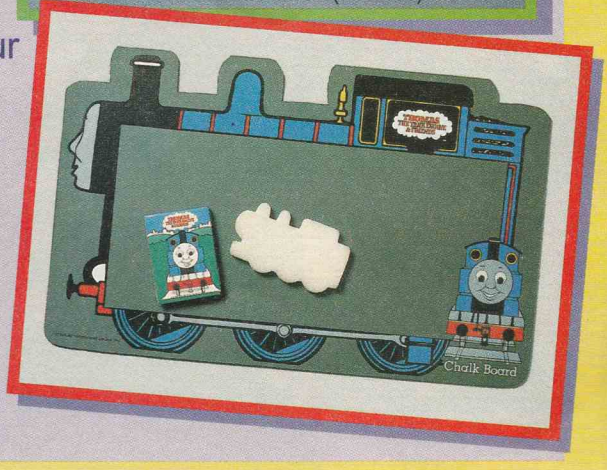
And finally, we have 20 chalk boards to give away to our lucky third prize winners! These boards are great for writing or drawing on and they will help you to remember words more easily!

To win one of these great prizes, look at the picture of the toybox then answer the following question!

'What can you see inside the toybox?'

Now write your answer on a postcard, along with your name and address and send it to: ***Thomas Toybox Competition, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.*** **Closing date 21st April 1995. The first 30 correct entrants drawn from our postbag will be the lucky winners!**

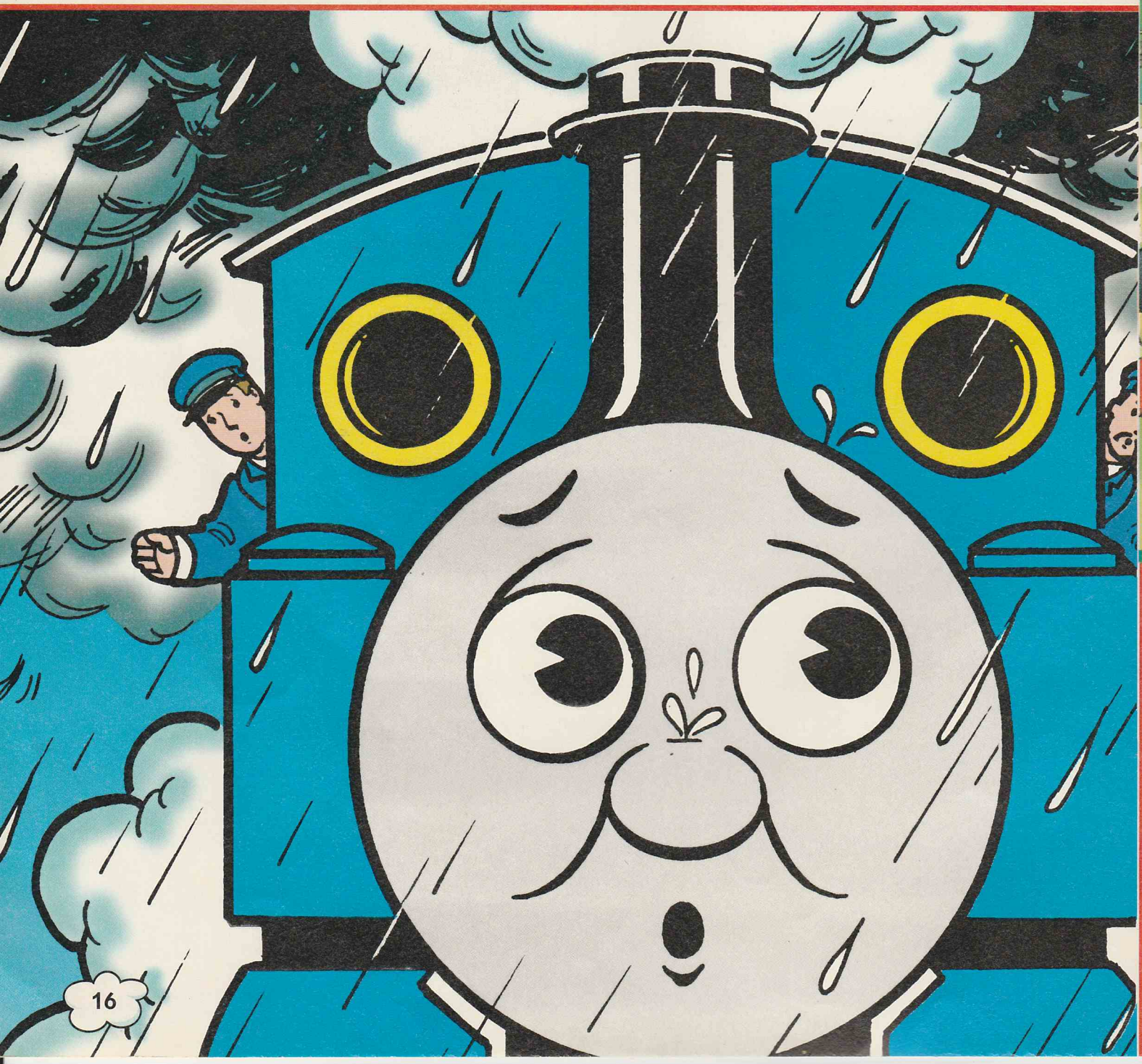


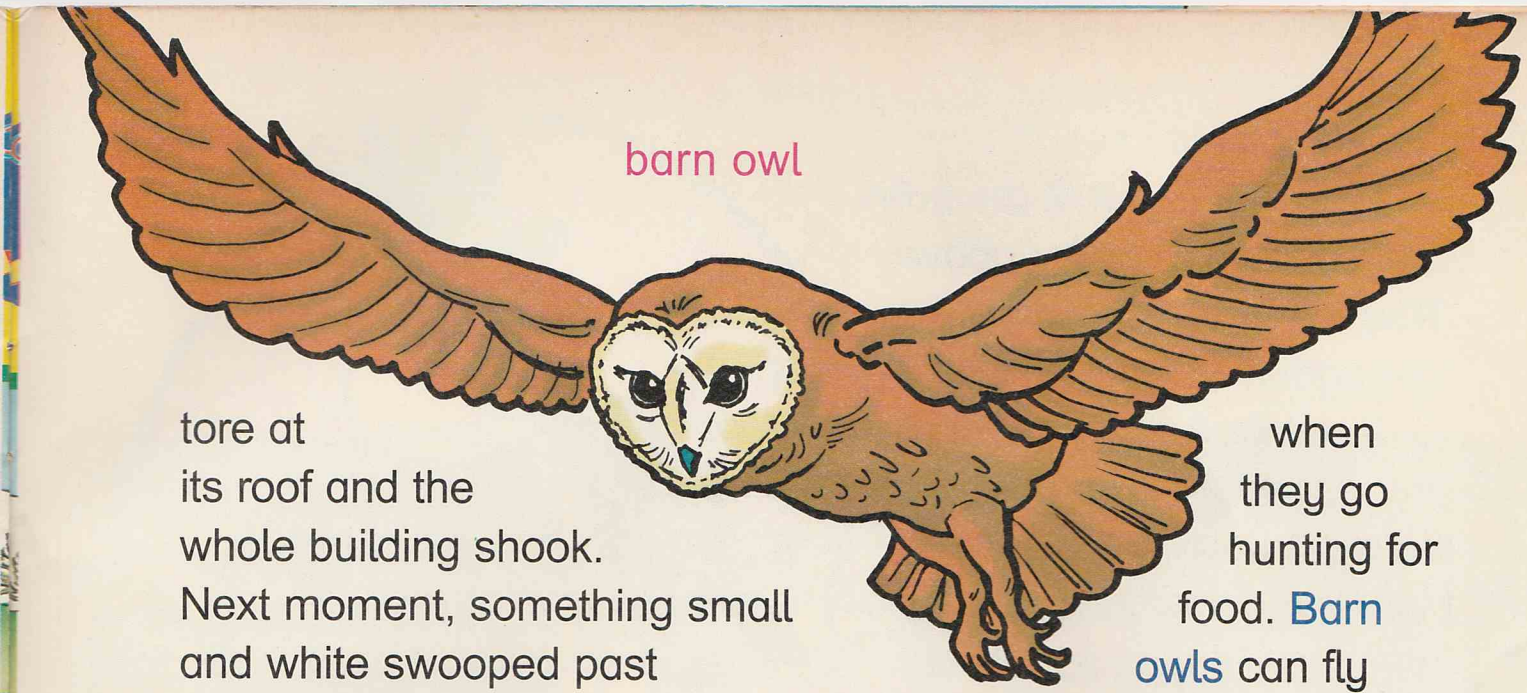
This competition is open to all readers other than employees of Marvel Comics Ltd. and Martin Jaffe Ltd. We cannot accept any responsibility for prizes lost or damaged in the post. The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

The flying ghost!

One stormy night, Thomas was working late. As he steamed back towards the Main Station, the rain stung his face and thunder boomed. Suddenly, a flash of lightning lit up the dark night sky.

"This storm's enough to make my wheels wobble!" cried Thomas. In the flash of light, he saw an old barn, not far from the track. The wind





tore at its roof and the whole building shook. Next moment, something small and white swooped past Thomas. It made a loud screeching noise. Thomas was shocked.

"It's a barn owl!" replied his driver. "Don't be frightened!" Thomas raced on even faster.

The next day was sunny. As Thomas set off with a goods train, his driver explained about the owl.

"Barn owls live in barns and they are sometimes called 'ghost owls' because they look white at night-time when they go hunting for food. Barn owls can fly very quietly, too!"

Thomas had to wait at a signal near the barn. He saw half of it had blown down. The farmer spoke to Thomas's driver.

"The storm did the damage!" he said. "I'll have to pull down the rest of the barn. I can't afford to have it repaired!"

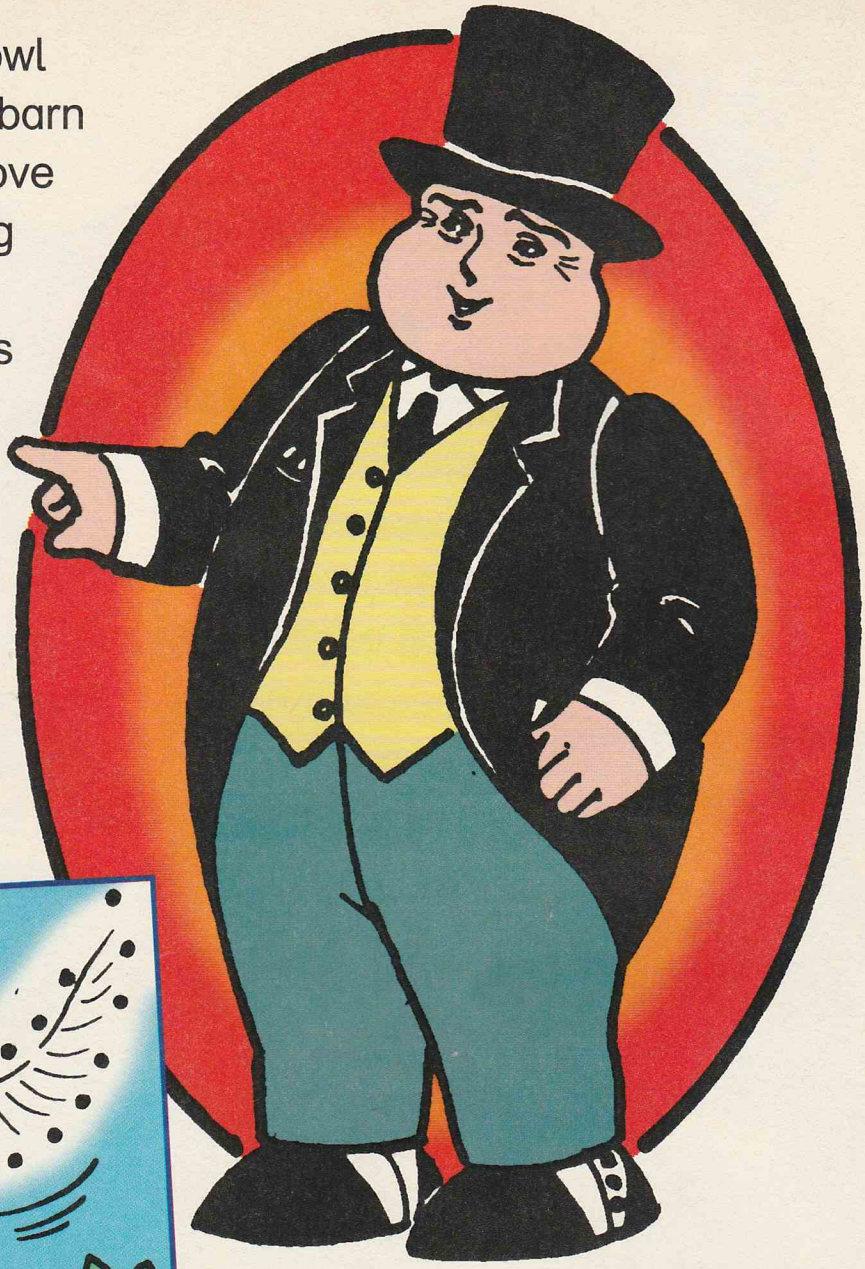
Thomas's driver learned that the owl lived in the barn's loft.

"Oh, no! Now it's homeless!" said Thomas. "We must help!"

When the Fat Controller heard, he had an excellent idea. Taking spare timber from the yard, Thomas was sent back to the barn with a works train full of men. The men soon rebuilt the barn. The farmer was very pleased and held a big barn dance for everyone at the station to say thank you.

A few nights later, the owl flew eerily out of the barn and seemed to hover above Thomas who was working late again.

"Look!" cried Thomas's driver. "It's the barn owl. Perhaps he's saying thank you!" "I know I'll always be happy to see that "flying ghost!" replied Thomas.



Finish and colour the little picture to the left!

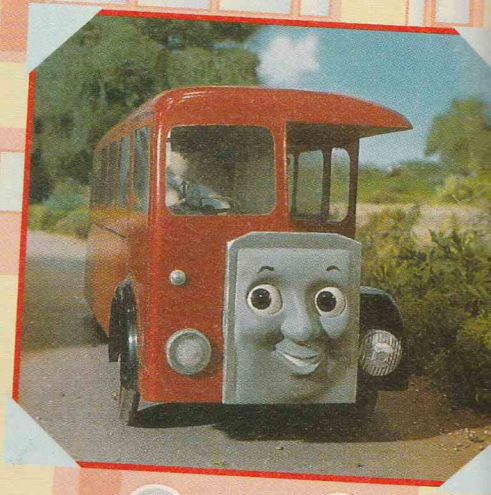
What do you remember?

- What swooped past Thomas in the storm?
- What are barn owls sometimes called?
- What happened to the farmer's barn?
- How did the Fat Controller help the farmer?
- How did the farmer say thank you to everyone at the station?

Bussing around with Bulgy and Bertie!

Bulgy and Bertie are both buses, but can you spot the difference between them?

That's right! Bulgy is a double-decker and Bertie is a single-decker bus! If you want to catch a bus you have to wait at a bus stop! When you see the bus that you want to get on, you can put out your hand to tell the driver to stop!

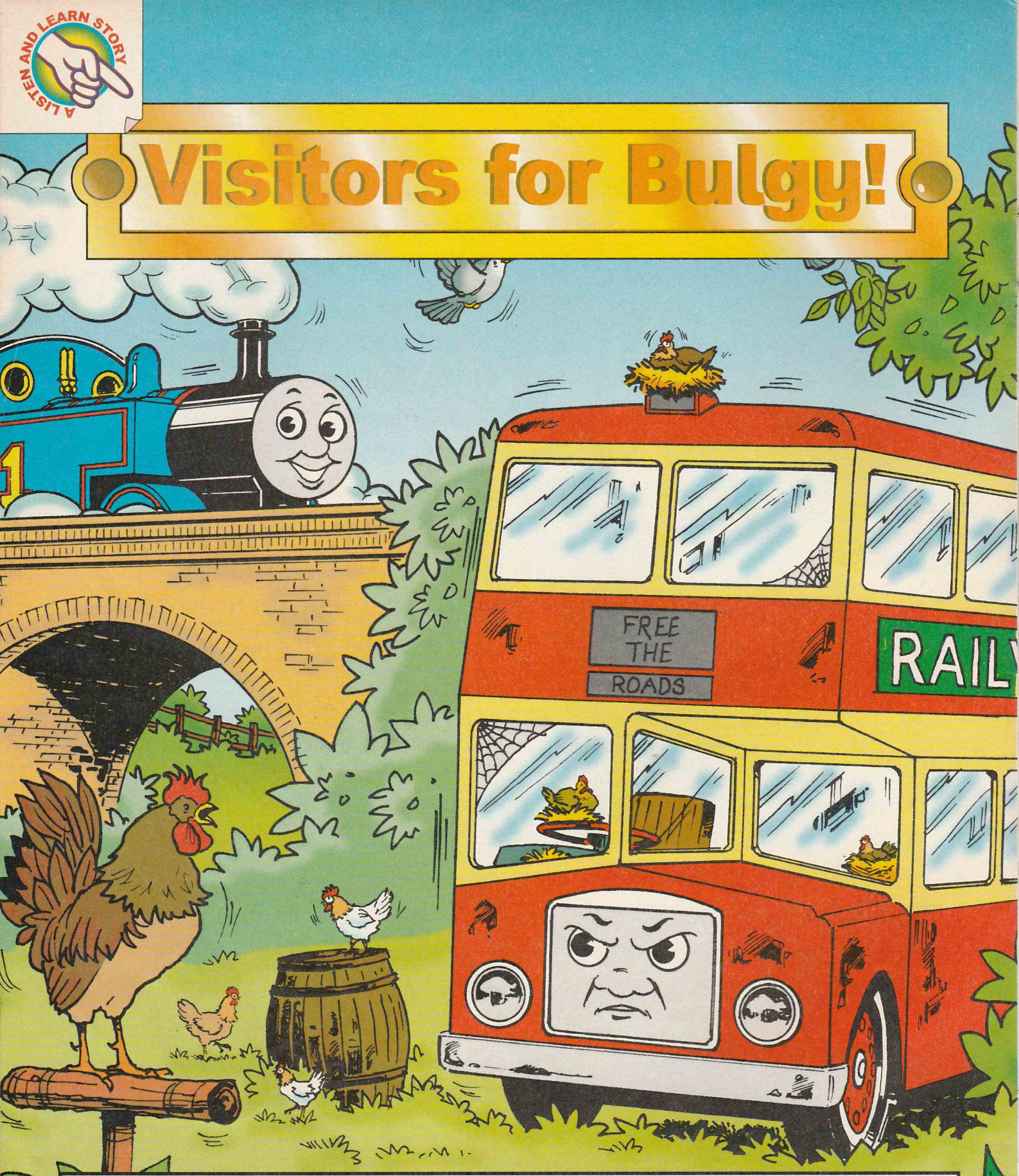


When Bulgy was a working double-decker bus, his two decks meant that he could carry more passengers than Bertie. Do you know why there are two types of buses? On the mainland, you can find double-decker buses, like the one opposite, in big towns and cities where there are a lot of people.

Single-decker buses are usually found in smaller towns and villages where there are less people and shorter distances to travel! Single-deckers are perfect for collecting smaller groups of passengers on less busy roads.

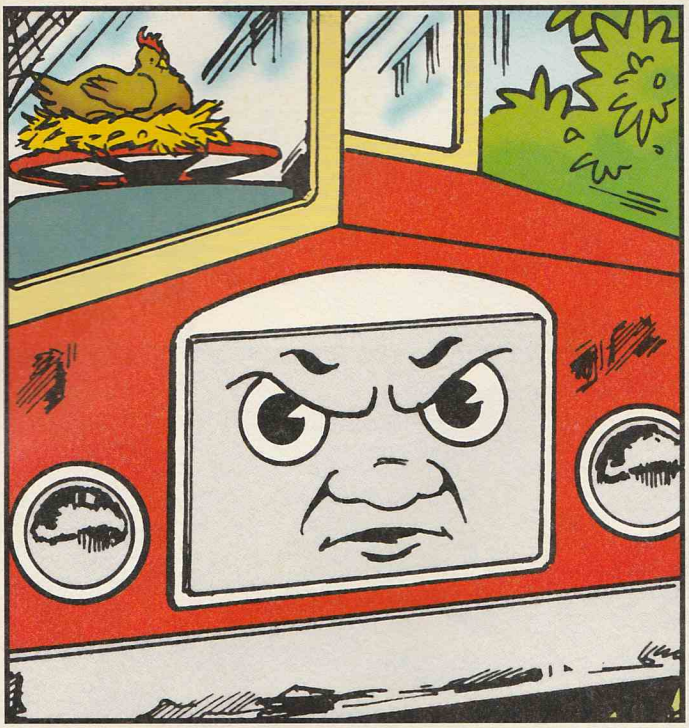
LISTEN AND LEARN STORY

Visitors for Bulgy!

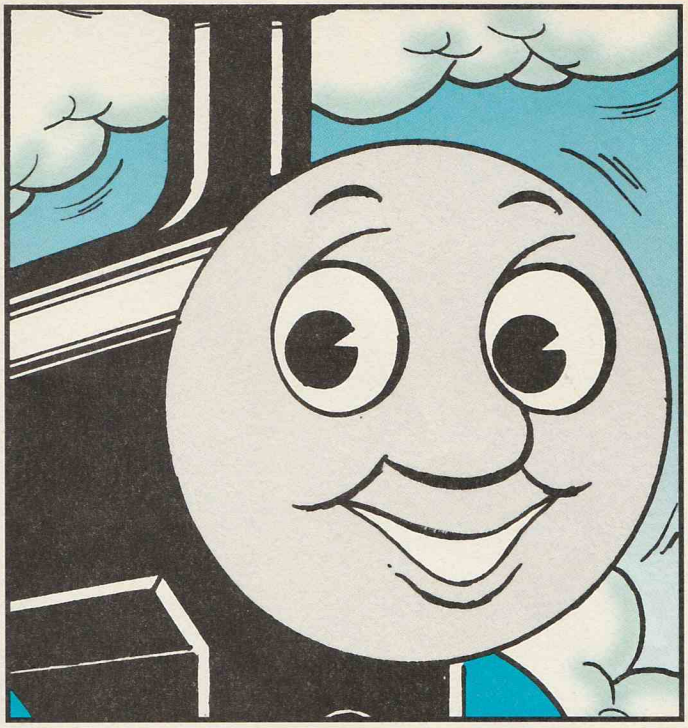


1. One morning, Thomas arrived at the bridge near Bulgy the Bus, who was still being used as a henhouse. Thomas pulled up and waited for the signal to change.

2. He could see lots of hens roosting all over Bulgy. There was even one sitting on his roof. "Peep! Peep! Hello, Bulgy!" whistled Thomas, cheerily.

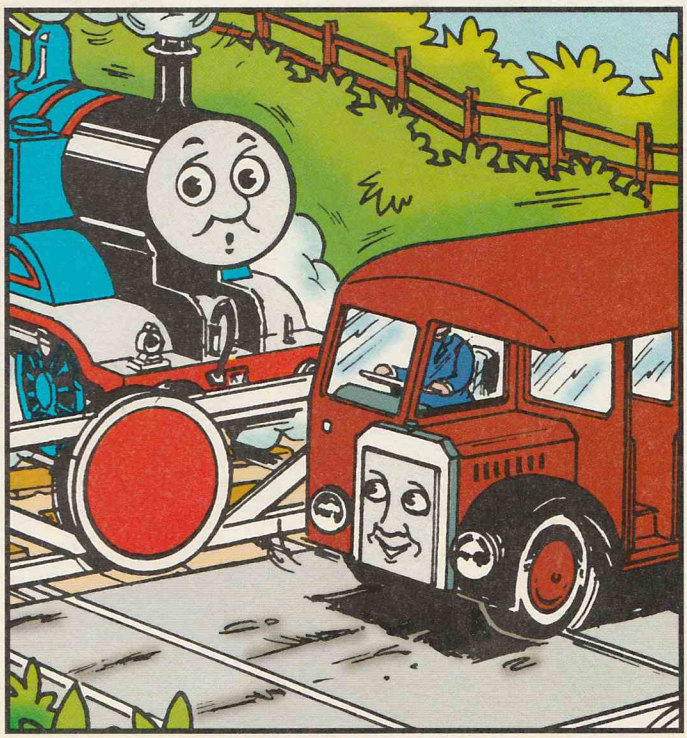


3. “Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!” called the hens loudly.“Pah! What a noisy rabble!” moaned Bulgy. “Cluck! Cluck! That’s all I ever hear! I hardly have any visitors!”

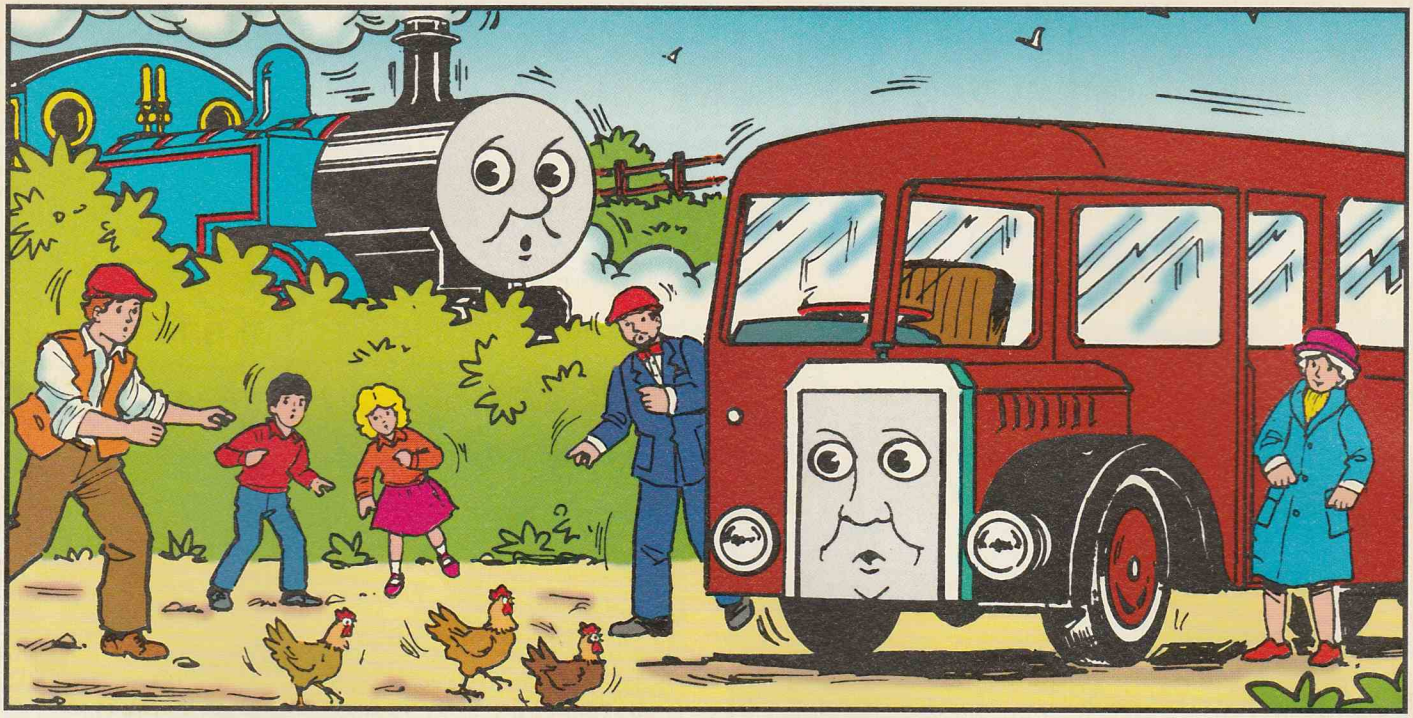


4. “You’re so bad tempered, that’s why!” said Thomas. “At least the hens sound pleased to see me!” “I’m fed up with being a henhouse!” grumbled Bulgy.

5. “It’s your own fault,” said Thomas. “If you hadn’t been naughty and crashed, you’d still carry passengers!” The signal changed so Thomas left.

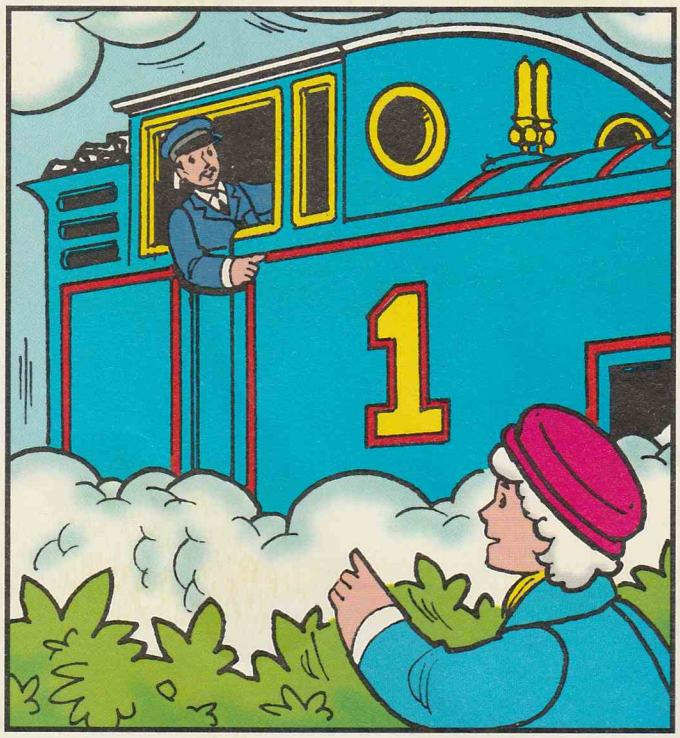


6. Soon he had to stop again to let Bertie the Bus go over a level crossing. Next moment, some hens wandered into the crossing lane from a cottage garden nearby.



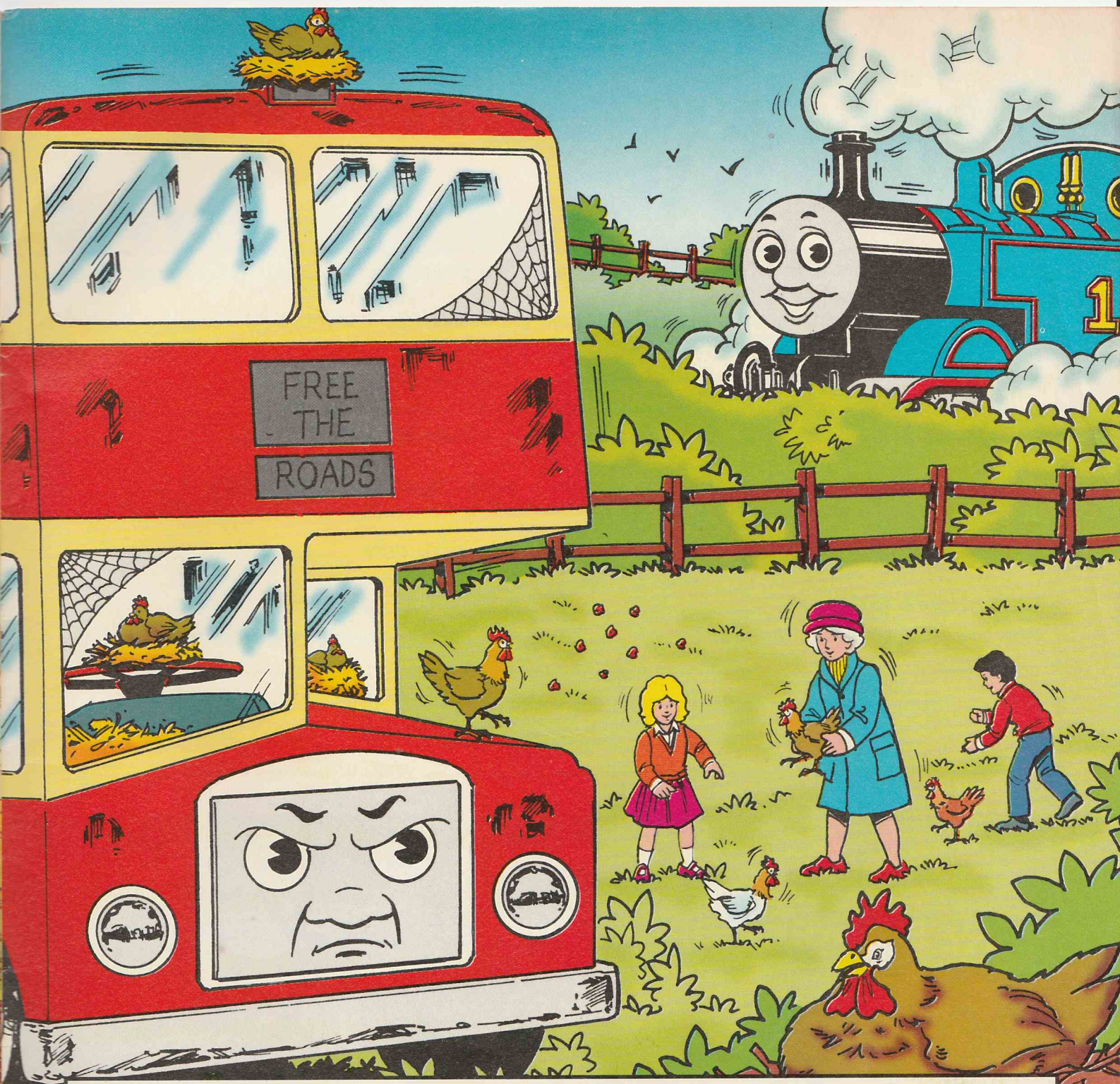
7. "Oh, no! Come back!" cried a man, chasing the hens while his two children watched, nervously. Thomas whistled to help shoo the hens away from the track.

8. By now Bertie had braked. His driver and some passengers jumped out to rescue the hens. "Thank you!" the children called. "You've saved our pet hens!"



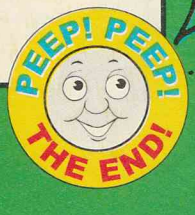
9. Mrs Kyndley was on the bus. She was visiting the children, who were her friends. "The children are moving to another town, next week!" she told Thomas's driver.

10. "Their father has a new job!" explained Mrs Kyndley. "But the children can't take their hens. I've been trying very hard to find a new home for them!"



11. Mrs Kyndley said the hens would be happiest in the countryside. Thomas had an idea. Later, he spoke to the Fat Controller who made all the arrangements. The next day, Thomas collected Mrs Kyndley and the children from the cottage. He took them, with the pet hens, to see Bulgy.

12. "Your hens can live here with the others!" Thomas's driver told the children. "You can come and visit them." "I'll come and collect their eggs!" smiled Mrs Kyndley. Only Bulgy was unhappy. "Now what's wrong?" asked Thomas. "You wanted visitors, didn't you?" "Yes," groaned Bulgy, "but not more noisy hens!"



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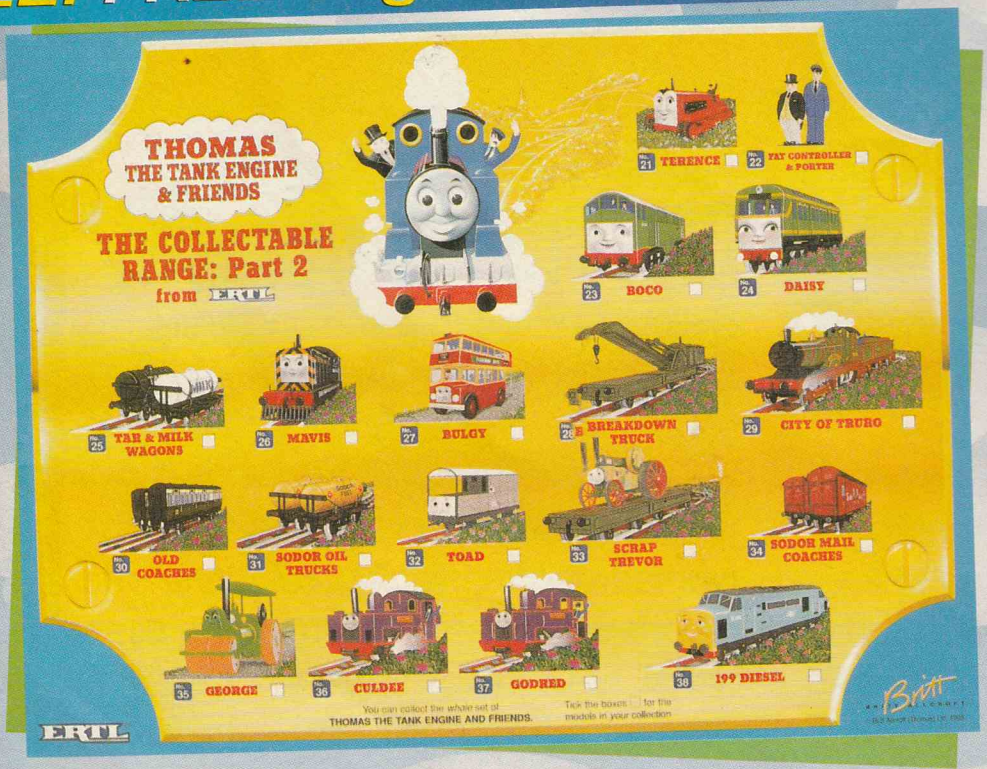

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